

## **Montefiore Medical Center Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship Program**

The Montefiore Palliative Care Service is operated by the Department of Family & Social Medicine. Palliative care is the comprehensive care of patients with advanced and often incurable medical illnesses. Its goal is to relieve physical, emotional and spiritual suffering while preserving the psychosocial and physical functioning of the patient and family unit to the fullest extent possible.

The Palliative Care Service is a vibrant, interprofessional service dedicated to providing comprehensive care to patients with advanced chronic and life-limiting illness. The Service provides coordinated care on both a consultative and primary care basis across three inpatient settings and outpatient clinics. The Palliative Care Service works with patients and families to relieve symptoms, enhance quality of life, provide emotional and spiritual support, and assist with advance care planning. The Service has operated as an interdisciplinary team to address the full range of needs of patients, families, and caregivers since 2000.

The physician fellowship program in Hospice and Palliative Medicine began in July, 2004. The clinical social work fellowship will run concurrently with the palliative medicine fellowship.

### **FELLOWSHIP DESCRIPTION**

The Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship is a one-year, full-time position from July 3, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The goal of the Fellowship is to develop specialty trained palliative care social workers who will contribute to the care of seriously ill older adults in underserved communities in New York City and become future leaders in this field.

As part of a large academic medical center, the Montefiore Palliative Care Service offers a rich environment for learning. Medical students, residents and fellows from other specialties rotate with the Palliative Care Service, as well as advanced practice nursing and social work.

The Fellowship includes rotations at various sites within Montefiore, including the Palliative Care Inpatient Unit, the Moses and Einstein Hospitals, and the outpatient Oncology and Palliative Care Clinics. If the Fellow identifies another particular area of interest, there may be an opportunity for an elective rotation. The Hospice and Palliative Medicine Program Faculty will provide ongoing supervision and mentoring in clinical and

other components of the Fellowship program. Social work specific training and mentoring is provided by experienced specialist social workers at all sites.

The Fellowship provides extensive educational opportunities, including weekly didactics, interdisciplinary team meetings, journal club, research/quality improvement meetings, complex case discussions, psychosocial oncology rounds, roundtable discussions and grand rounds. The Fellow will have the opportunity to attend local palliative care conferences, as well as continuing education classes at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service.

The Fellow will participate in a research/quality improvement project with mentoring from Dr. Cathy Berkman from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service. The Fellow will also conduct training on generalist-level palliative care within the Montefiore Health System and to local community organizations.

The position includes a stipend and benefits. The Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship is generously funded by the Ho Chiang Foundation.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants to the Montefiore Palliative Care Social Work Fellowship must:

1. have an MSW degree from a CSWE-accredited program;
2. hold a NYS social work license, or limited permit, by the start of the Fellowship;
3. demonstrate a strong commitment to a career in palliative care social work and to serving the population of older adults in New York City after completion of the Fellowship;
4. be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

**Applications are due by April 9, 2023.**

**For further information on the Fellowship or to apply, please contact:**

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